LEWIS & CLARK DISCOVERY BOXES AVAILABLE NOW

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "Lewis and Clark Discovery Boxes" are now available for purchase by non-federal agencies. The boxes, developed by the Corps of Engineers, were originally designed for interpretive staff to use as educational tools at school and visitor center to commemorate the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Initially available to only the Corps of Engineers, Army, and the National Guard, overwhelming national interest in the boxes, both inside and outside the federal government, has prompted the Corps to arrange with the vendor to provide boxes to the public at the contract price.

The Lewis and Clark Discovery Boxes are educational trunks containing reproduction artifacts, posters, books and other materials that focus on the Army story of the Lewis and Clark expedition. The 42 items found in the box focus on the 7 Army values – duty, discipline, loyalty, personal courage, selfless service, respect, honor and integrity. Each box contains replicas of the items the Corps of Discovery had with them on their trip (15-star flag, sextant, etc.) and representations of items they found on their journey (prickly pear cactus, prairie dogs, beaver, etc.) Included in the box are related music CDs, books, and VHS videos. The boxes also contain a User Guide and other resources to help enhance and guide the development of interpretive and classroom programs.

The boxes are being assembled and distributed by Development Workshop in Idaho Falls, ID, a nonprofit agency affiliated with the National Institute of the Severely Handicapped (NISH). The items come assembled in a large red cedar trunk. Boxes are priced at \$1,763.24, which includes shipping. To place an order, contact Gerry Hodges, Vice President of Industrial Services, Development Workshop, (208)-524-1550, hodg@dwinc.org. Please allow approximately 60 days for delivery. Boxes will be available until October 31, 2003 at this price. Major credit cards will be accepted.

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